

Bee Building  
1016-18-20 Third Street  
Sacramento, Sacramento County  
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BEE BUILDING

Sacramento, Sacramento County, California

ADDRESS: 1016-18-20 Third Street, between J and K Streets  
OWNER: The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento  
OCCUPANT: Now vacant; building to be removed to permit  
construction of a Freeway.  
USE: The office of the newspaper "Sacramento Bee" until  
1902. Occupied by various tenants since that date

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The original portion of the two-story brick building, constructed in 1856, housed the "Daily and Weekly Bee", first published February 3, 1857. It is probable that the south one-third of the structure was added at a later date. This remained the home of the "Sacramento Bee" until 1902 when the newspaper moved to 911 Seventh Street. This site is California Registered Historical Landmark No. 611.

DESCRIPTIVE ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

EXTERIOR

The building on Third Street adjacent to the alley is 80'-6" long and 60'-8" wide. The brick walls are covered with plaster, and except for a simple cornice band there is little decoration on the building. The large double-hung and casement windows on the second floor have metal grilles on the street facade.

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## INTERIOR

There is little remaining of the original partitions and wall finish to indicate the former use and interior appearance of the building. Adjacent to the basement are the foundation piers that supported the original boardwalk. Wood joists are used for the floor and roof construction throughout.

## TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

### GENERAL

Condition of Building: Sound structure, minor modifications

Overall Plan Size: 80'-6" long, 60'-8" wide

No. of Stories: Basement and two stories

### EXTERIOR

Foundation: Brick

Wall Construction: Brick, load-bearing walls

Piers: 10x10 wood posts on 2nd floor; 6x6 wood posts in portion of basement

#### Openings:

Doorways & Doors - door openings on street, 1st floor,  
have been enlarged and modified  
Windows, etc. - wood double-hung and casement on street;  
wood double-hung on both floors on alley

#### Roof:

Shape - low pitched

Covering - built-up composition

Framing - wood rafters

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Wall Finish: Front and side, plaster over brickwork

INTERIOR

Floor Plans:

Basement - 3 spaces with brick load-bearing walls between

First floor - similar division of space

Second floor - similar division of space

Stairways: Wood construction, single-run

Floor Construction and Flooring:

Basement - concrete, not original

First floor - wood flooring supported by wood joists

Second floor - wood flooring with wood joists

Wall & Ceiling Finish: Plastered

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